Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu (diesel only), Uttaranchal, Manipur and Assam, have reduced the sales tax on Petrol and Diesel to reduce the burden of the recent price hike.

Promotion of petro-hubs

801. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing certain flexibility and single window clearance for facilitating investment into the proposed petro-hubs in petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals investment regions;

(b) if so, whether some of the States have been asked to enact separate legislation on the same lines as done by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government are considering to waive customs duty on crude oil imports specifically for these zones;

(d) if so, how many State Governments-have enacted the laws to promote petro-hubs; and

(e) to what extent it has been proved successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PAT EL): (a) to (e) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is studying the feasibility for setting up Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR). A Task Force on PCPIR has been constituted in order to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy framework for the development of investment regions of requisite scale and level of facilities, with the involvement of world class developers and investors, in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals. The policy is at the draft stage.